

Why Science and the Bible?

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Note: This article first written years ago as an introduction for the book that eventually became Eyewitness to the Origins. It has been re-written many times and shows up in the works of AnOldScientist quite frequently.

Every year churches across America send their best and brightest high school graduates off to secular colleges. The attrition rate is high. Many are lost. It is like their roots are not deep into the soil of the word. In reality, the pseudo science they have been taught in church is easily refuted, and they loose confidence in the credibility of all they have been taught about the bible. This is a needless waste.

Some people say there is no need for a Christian to study a comparison of science and the bible. They say, "If the bible says it, I believe it. That's enough for me." Some people say it is a waste of time that should be used evangelizing. Others seem to take the position that the bible is truth and when Jesus claimed, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" He was defining truth to be what God says, independent of fact and reality. Anything else that claims to be true is a perversion of the meaning of the word truth. And, besides, even if "my" interpretation of the bible is not how God did it, He has the power, He could have done it that way if He had wanted to.

But I say: What about the thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of our brightest young Christians that every year lose their faith due to this head in the sand attitude? They go to college. They learn that what they have been taught by well meaning Christians is pseudo science. They are ridiculed to shame. They look and feel stupid. They give Christianity a bad name among thinking people. They turn their backs on the religion of their parents. Isn't that a vast mission field? They could have been lights in this dark segment of our society, if only they had known the truth.

For too long, in the name of Christianity, we have been teaching science that is not true. For too long we have believed that the Christian theologians interpretation of the bible is truth no matter what scientists say. For too long we have been taught that scientists are wrong, if they do not agree with our interpretation of the facts. That is not what the bible teaches. The bible teaches that God created man to be a creature that was capable of recognizing the greatness of the creation of God by first hand observation of the creation. That creatures purpose is to glorify God by virtue of the fact that he actually does recognize the greatness of God. Not only is God in accord with fact and reality, but his creation is also true, and reveals the greatness of the creator, even to those who have no other source of this truth.

But, "What is truth?" you say. Webster defines truth to be that which is in accord with fact or reality. When Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life," He was saying that Jesus is the way, Jesus is that which is in accord with fact and reality, Jesus is life. In other words, Jesus is not some far out concept that is out of touch with reality. He does not ask you to believe something that is not true. He is down to earth and is compatible with everything else that is true. Truth is truth, whether it is found in the bible, or found in science. There is no

discrepancy between truth found in the bible and truth from any outside source. No one needs to fear the truth of science. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

The argument is not between science and the bible, the argument is between the interpretations of scientists and the interpretations of theologians. Neither of them have a monopoly on the truth. It is not until the facts of science and the facts of the bible are seen to agree that one can be assured that either one has interpreted the truth correctly. Most scientists will not agree to be bound by that statement, but will agree that they are, in reality looking for the valid truth. Most current theologians have never considered that statement because they believe their interpretation of the bible is true in spite of contradiction by the facts of science.

Know full well: I am not proposing a compromise with the theory of evolution. The bible clearly states that living beings are the product of Gods creative design. Living beings did not, and do not, arise spontaneously. Science has discredited spontaneous generation many years ago. The facts of science, in agreement with the bible, indicate that no matter how much time you give it, evolution cannot cause spontaneous generation of life forms.

On the other hand, I am proposing that many of the supposedly scientific interpretations of what the bible says, interpretations by well meaning Christian theologians, are not truth. They are not a correct interpretation of what the bible does say. In the long run, to the thinking mind, they bring into question the credibility of everything else these theologians teach. They lead many of our brightest young Christians to question their very faith. We can not afford this waste. We must teach truth to the salvation of these potentially lost souls.

Many scientific sounding pronouncements, taught by well meaning theologians, are not what the bible says and, quite frankly, are not true. They are false, pseudo science, junk science. Examples range from the canopy theory to the assertion that if you say everything was not created within the time span of one hundred forty four hours, (six, twenty-four hour days,) you make Jesus a liar. These are blatant distortions of what the bible truly says.

On the other hand, the bible is rich with examples of scientific truths known centuries before modern science is credited with their discovery. These instances, correctly interpreted, give great credibility to the claim of the bible to having a supernatural source. These are the inspiration for the writing of this book. These are the things that excite the author. These are the truths that will lend credibility to the teachings of the bible among the thinking scholars. These are the supernatural truths of the bible that cannot be denied by scoffers. These are the truths a bright young Christian can hold on to in the face of ridicule. These are the truths that will give Christians a good name among thinking scholars. These truths have the power to save the faith of our best and brightest young people.

After Publication Note: The assumption that Christians lose their faith because of college has been called into question. Scientific studies by liberal scholars conclude the opposite. They have determined that just as many people that go into college religious, come out religious. That is interpreted to mean there is no loss of faith. However, there are two basic religions: Those who worship the creator, and those who worship the creation. They are all just as religious. However, converting from Christian to Naturalist is a loss of Christian faith. And that is hidden in their statistics. Colleges do influence students away from Christianity toward naturalism or humanism, which is, in fact, a bent toward the destruction of Christian faith. See: <http://www.scienceandthebible.net/articles/researchnotes1>